

3 Boys Escape Serious Injury In Car Crash

Escaping death or serious injuries with only a few bruises to show for their experience, three well-known Torrance youths figured in a spectacular automobile crash shortly before 1 o'clock last Saturday morning. They were Robert Sleeth, Jr., who was driving his parents' new Pontiac sedan, Robert Trezise and Robert Bischoff.

The young men were driving on Carson Street toward the business district and when they struck the dip in the road near the Legion clubhouse the car got out of control. It crashed into El Prado park at the abrupt curve a hundred feet away, knocked over an ornamental light standard and uprooted a large palm tree before turning over in the park.

Tire-marks on the pavement showed that young Sleeth applied his brakes immediately after crossing the dip. The car was covered by insurance and the damage to city property, estimated by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard at about \$200, is likewise covered by policies carried by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeth of Post avenue.

Hospital Has Many Patients

Among the patients received during the past week for treatment at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital were the following:

Mrs. Marjorie Barnett of San Pedro on Tuesday for a minor operation; Walter Silence, city fireman who lives at 2372 Maricopa Place, for a tonsillectomy Wednesday; Jimmie Lankford, 23851 Park street, Waltham, who was received Tuesday night suffering from a broken arm. Something went wrong with the steering apparatus of his car and it turned over while he was enroute home from Westwood Village.

N. E. Davis, 1103 Madrid avenue was received Wednesday for a tonsillectomy; Chester Dickinson of Redondo entered August 18 suffering from a ruptured appendix. It is reported to be making splendid recovery. Mrs. Nellie Eldridge of Redondo was received Tuesday for surgery; and Mrs. Dorothy Hanna, also of Redondo, re-entered the hospital Tuesday for a minor operation. Her premature baby had succumbed last week.

Mrs. Mary Jordan of Escondido entered Saturday for medical treatment. Pauline McFarland, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. L. T. Steiner of Wilmington underwent an appendectomy Sunday. Hugh McPherson of Hermosa Beach, was received Sunday suffering from a ruptured appendix. He is making a good recovery. Louis, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Murray, of 1912 Andree avenue, underwent an operation for hernia Sunday and is gaining rapidly.

Michel Reilly of Davidson City entered Sunday for surgical attention and Mrs. Mary Ricks of 2274 West 241st street, Lomita, was received Monday for surgery.

Oldsmobile Sales 63% Over Last Year

Oldsmobile retail sales during the first ten days of August this year were 63 percent above the same period last year and greater than in any other similar period in the company's history, it was reported today by D. E. Ralston, Oldsmobile general sales manager.

During the recent period a total of 6,838 Oldsmobile Sixes and Eights were sold, to top by 2,641 cars the 4,196 units sold during the first ten days of August in 1936.

From January 1, 1937, to August 10, a total of 136,558 Oldsmobiles have been delivered to retail purchasers, a substantial gain over the same period in 1936.

DETOUR

Col'm Under Construction By BETSY BYRNES

"I love thee, Ocean, and delight in thee,
Thy color, motion, vastness,
—all the eye
Takes in from shore, and on the tossing waves;
Nothing escapes me, not the least of weeds
That shrivels and blackens on the barren sand."
—R. H. Stoddard.

How we wish we could have written those lines! They top anything we have ever read about the grandeur of the ocean.

QUESTIONS
What do you suppose is the average depth of all oceans?
Who was Samuel Langhorne Clemens?

There has been a great deal of interest shown in the beach town of Del Mar this season. What does the name, Del Mar, mean?

TODAY'S PROVERB
"If you would make a pair of good shoes, take for the sole the tongue of a woman; it never wears out."
—Aksatian.

ANSWERS
Oceans are rather deep. Their average depth is 2,000 to 3,000 fathoms. Just in case you are a bit rusty on fathoms, we inform you that a fathom is six feet.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens was a great American writer. He is better known to millions of readers by his pen name, Mark Twain.

The name, Del Mar, translated literally from the Spanish, means, Of the Sea.

ADIOS
"This an old maxim in the schools,
That flattery's the food of fools;
Yet, now and then, your men of wit
Will condescend to take a bit."
—Swift.

IN SOCIETY

LESSING-THURLOW WEDDING SUNDAY

Miss Thurlow Kirkham, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Kirkham of the Castle apartments and Paul Lessing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lessing, 2008 Arlington avenue, exchanged nuptial vows Sunday at the home of Rev. Scott, pastor of Church of Christ in Long Beach, who performed the ring ceremony.

Gwen Rowe, cousin of the bride served as bridesmaid and Judge Robert Lessing served as best man for his brother. Only the immediate families were present.

Mr. Lessing is employed as an electric welder at the National Supply company and has made a home for his bride on Cabrillo avenue.

SURPRISE LUNCHEON FOR MISS McNEIL

Miss Veronica McNeil, who as a prospective September bride has been much feted of late was guest of honor at a surprise luncheon and shower given August 14 at the home of Mrs. John Hedberg, Los Angeles. Those present at the delightful affair were Dorothy Colombo, Edith Riley, Helen Hannebrink, Ethel Ward, Pal Marie Foster, Mildred Holland, Frances Hicks, Celina McNeil, Mary McNeil, Patricia Hinman, the honoree and the hostess.

ST. CECILIA GUILD PICNIC WEDNESDAY

Some 50 persons of St. Andrew's Episcopal church attended the family picnic arranged by members of the St. Cecilia and held in the Torrance city park Wednesday evening. Games furnished entertainment with Mrs. Herman Mitchell in charge.

CALLED TO FIRE

A grass fire at 190th and Inglewood avenue late last Thursday afternoon was extinguished by the fire department before any damage to surrounding property was done.

Bike Tour-ist



LaVerne Hariman demonstrates her idea of a proper bicycling costume. She is one of 50 girls who will take part Aug. 29 in the first mass bicycle tour in California. The girls will pedal from San Francisco to Santa Cruz and then enter a bicycle riding-habit contest that evening.

Whitney-Veelik Wedding Has 300 Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Whitney (Helen Violet Veelik) are honeymooning in San Francisco, after their brilliant wedding in the gardens of the Las Serranos Country club near Chino Sunday afternoon. Vows were read by Rev. J. Fox of Chino in the presence of some 300 persons.

The bride, lovely in princess gown of point lace over taffeta, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a full length bridal veil held in place with a tiara of pearls and carried an arm bouquet of huge white dahlias. Mrs. E. Johansen attended the bride as matron of honor; Geraldine Bakotich served as maid of honor, Betty Sutherland and Eleanor Wilkinson were bridesmaids. Walter West was best man for Whitney; Geraldine Rosin was flower girl. Master Mark Karmelich, ring-bearer; Edward Veelik, brother of the bride, and Charles Robinson, were ushers.

Bride to Attend U. C. L. A.
Immediately after the reception, which was held in the clubhouse, the bride donned a gray and blue French wool traveling suit with a princess style top coat of gray with fox paw collar, navy accessories, and corsage of gargarinas and the couple started on their honeymoon.

Mrs. Whitney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Veelik, 1407 West 17th street, San Pedro. Graduated from San Pedro high school with the summer class of '34, the bride plans to return to the University of California at Los Angeles with the opening of the fall term.

Whitney is the son of Mrs. S. Sexton, 23875 Park avenue, Waltham, and J. Whitney. A graduate of Narbonne high school and Compton Junior College, he is employed at the National Supply company. The couple will reside at 2068 220th street, Torrance.

Loving Herd Inspires Poet

FORT WORTH, Tex. (U.P.)—Marvin Miller of Abilene, 20-year-old poet says he composes while milking his cows. He gets the proper cadence as the stream of milk splashes softly on the side of the pail.

City Tax Reductions Are Cited As 'Good Examples' to County

While the board of supervisors endeavored to agree upon last-minute changes in the final county budget for 1937-38, they had before them letters from taxpayers in a number of cities in the county where taxes have been reduced this year, and asking the county to follow the example.

Covina city officials pared their city's tax levy four cents to \$1.74 per \$100. Twenty cents of that goes to pay for a sewer system that cannot be used because it has no outlet.

The city of Bell slashed its city's levy 10 cents for this year, bringing it down to 85 cents, one of the lowest rates in the county. Maywood city officials pledged themselves to do likewise.

The Torrance rates are \$1.10 and \$1.07, a reduction of one

cent on property within the original city limits and the same as last year for other districts.

Pomona's levy for 1937-38 will remain the same, although the increase in the assessed valuation of the city will raise \$11,850 more than the same levy produced last year.

Clayton C. Brandt this week called the attention of the supervisors to what had been done in Santa Monica.

"Santa Monica city taxes have been reduced this year, in face of an increased budget, because a larger amount of delinquent taxes has been collected," Brandt wrote. "I hereby enter my protest to any increase in the general county levy."

The new county budget must be adopted on or before August 31.

Flipping The Herald Files Backward

1924—Thirteen Years Ago
Perry G. Briney, city attorney, flings hat in ring for Superior court judgeship.

"John Stroh, who has been one of Supt. Gascoigne's faithful workers for several months past has taken a position with the P. E. Railway."

Torrance Klansmen "naturalize" 100 candidates at mass ceremony east of Western avenue.

N. Earl Davis and Miss Beatrice M. Keller united in marriage by Rev. J. Walter Morris in West side hospital on Carson street where Davis is recuperating from operation.

1927—Ten Years Ago
Council puts tax rate down to 67 cents; a nine-cent reduction.

City leads list of 22 California cities in amount of building—\$78,500 for month of July. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Von Hagen, sell home to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bay and move to Westwood.

Chamber survey shows city's present industries afford potential population of 21,448. Firemen's association entertains large crowd at dinner and program in fire hall; Ollie Stevenson performs double flip that brought him applause and all the wearing apparel in the hall.

1932—Five Years Ago
Tax rate set for city at 83 and 78 cents. (Present rate 1937-38 is \$1.10 and \$1.07).

Joe Stevens, former popcorn and candy merchant, returns from Glendale. Deliberate attempt to burn Salvation Army hall on Border

Thirteen, Ten, Five and One Year Ago

avenue foiled by discovery of incendiary material. Harold Wilson, San Pedro, and Miss Helen Mearing of this city wed in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frenger hosts at informal birthday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. J. W. Post and the host.

1936—One Year Ago
Congressman Charles J. Colden given Democratic renomination by local voters in Primary. State PWA officials approve plans for proposed Civic Administration building.

Hospital nurses entertain at "spider web" party honoring Maxine Bolander and Violet Siefert, who were to leave soon for a vacation trip.

Donna Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Schumert, of 911 Beech street.

Auto Fatalities Show Decrease

Fatalities resulting from auto accidents showed decrease in California for the first time in more than two years. E. Raymond Cato, chief of the state highway patrol, cited highway death figures for July in support of this statement. Statewide figures showed 256 July deaths as compared with 277 in July, 1936.

Cato said warnings cautioning motorists to hold their speed to 50 miles an hour, and an order to "slow poke" drivers to keep their cars moving faster may have contributed to the reduction.

People

what they're doing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, 1820 Arlington avenue, and sons Harland and Donald and Miss Margaret Shultz spent Sunday at Ventura.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Watson, 1915 Andree avenue, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton in Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell, 1348 Carson street, with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gascoigne, 1323 Madrid avenue, leave Sunday at 2:00 a. m. to spend ten days in a cabin near Lake Lake.

Barbara Lee Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Watson, 1915 Andree avenue, is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Erickson of San Fernando at Santa Monica.

D. A. Murphy, 1423 Amapola avenue, visited over the weekend with friends at Twenty-Nine Palms.

Miss Florence Gramling of Los Angeles, visited for the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gramling. Miss Gramling attended the opening of the Santa Barbara fiesta.

Mrs. J. O. Bishop and sons Cecil and Tom, 2021 Carson street, are spending the week at Yosemite National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilbert, 1611 Acacia avenue, left on a motor trip to Maricopa and Sequoia National Park, Wednesday, at 4:00 a. m. They will vacation for one week.

Visiting for several days with Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber at Los Angeles, is Mrs. Janet Woodington, of 2013 Arlington avenue.

Walterian Wants City to Purchase Lot Remainder

"Times are better now" wrote J. W. Venable of Walteria to the city council Tuesday night and the city should complete its part of the deal with him when he sold a 25-foot lot to the municipality for the site of the Walteria fire station.

Venable asserted that he was loath to part with that half-lot at the time, several years ago, but did so when assured that "when times got better" the city would buy the remaining 25 feet.

Members of the council, City Attorney C. T. Rippey and City Engineer Frank R. Leonard declared they knew of no such agreement but the letter was filed for further investigation.

Beach Road Job Held Outside City

A letter from the Palos Verdes Home association concerning the proposed improvement of Catalina avenue's extension and Elena avenue's continuation to Catalina was read at city council meeting Tuesday night. The association desired an expression from the city in regard to "a tentative agreement by Torrance, Redondo Beach and the county" to make this improvement.

City Engineer Frank R. Leonard pointed out that both streets are outside the Torrance city limits and therefore this municipality was not concerned with the project. They are located in Redondo Beach, he said, and any improvement should be done by that city. He was to write the Palos Verdes group to this effect.

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